

## **News Release**

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## VA Facilities Bring Voter Registration to Veterans More than 6,000 Helped Nationwide

DALLAS -- Get-out-the-vote efforts this year at VA North Texas Health Care System provided voter registration information to nearly 4000 inpatient veterans this campaign season.

"Helping our veteran patients register and vote has always been important at VANTHCS," said Joseph Dalpiaz, Director. "This year, VA added extra emphasis to voter registration." VANTHCS volunteers distributed voter registration information to inpatients through the use of flyers, posters, and informational sessions. Thirty-seven patients were assisted with registration.

Nationwide, the 153 medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), aided by 750 volunteers, assisted more than 6,000 veterans in registering to vote, put more than 6,000 informational posters in place throughout VA facilities and distributed about 166,000 flyers to patients.

This year, VA facilities tapped into non-partisan community resources. The offices of Secretaries of State, state and county election officials and non-partisan groups assisted VA provide voter registration information.

"VA has always been committed to helping veterans exercise their right to vote," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake. "This year we established a uniform approach for helping our patients who need assistance to register and to vote."